

**Town of Arlington
Transportation Advisory Committee**

Minutes of 5/16/06, 7:15 to 10PM, Town Hall Annex 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Joe Cahill, Guillermo Bahamon, Laura Wiener, Ron Santosuosso (for John Sanchez) arrived at 8:15.

1. Public Comment.

George Berberian, 209 Broadway, expressed concern about enforcement of parking requirements on Rawson Road and on Broadway in the area of Rawson Road. All day parking in 2 hour zone, parking in area marked "No parking here to corner". Sign on utility poles came down during pole repair, and never went back up. Ed will send email to Lieutenant McHugh asking for increased enforcement in the area, and to John Sanchez, asking DPW to replace signs.

2. The minutes of April 18, 2006 were unanimously approved.

3. Ed Starr reviewed the list of outstanding items, noting letter of approval from Board of Selectmen regarding Stowecroft Road.

4. Nominating Committee Report

- Jeff Maxtutis for Vice Chair
- Laura Wiener for Secretary
- Representative of Precincts 15-21, Joe Cahill,
- Member-at-Large, Howard Muise.

Nominations moved by Scott Smith, seconded, and unanimously voted

4. Marathon/Waldo

Resident requested 3 way stop and reduced speed limit due to high number of crashes and speeding motorists. Scott noted 9 crashes reported between 2000 and 2005. Traffic volumes on Waldo Road not high enough to warrant three-way stop signs. Difficult to change speed limits.

.Recommendations made are a) to replace faded and graffiti-covered stop sign, b) add "stop ahead" sign on Waldo Road westbound, and c) paint stop bars on Waldo Road at intersection. Recommendations voted unanimously.

5. Speeding on Crosby Street

Residents raised concern about excessive vehicle speed. Mike Rademacher examined and suggested adding a crosswalk identification sign at College Ave. and Columbia Road, School Zone signage between College Ave. and Columbia, and between Ridge and Columbia. More information was suggested re speeding.

Ed will ask tJim to get traffic and speed counts of vehicles before school is out. Also it was recommended to hold off on making changes until meeting with Bishop re. Safe Routes to School.

6. Wilbur and Wollaston

Two neighbors were present—Daniel Ruiz, 144 Wollaston, and William Kenney, 28 Wilbur. Guillermo Bahamon examined the intersection. It is very wide and without stop signs or sidewalks. No accidents were reported within last 2 years. Guillermo suggested installation

of stop signs on Wilbur. Scott recommended getting crash data for a longer period since 2 years may not show adequately. .

7. Gray/Quincy.
Elisabeth indicated that some of the signs were installed incorrectly. Request for DPW to make corrections. Ron said thermoplastic will be installed in summer.
 8. Safe Transport to School.
Scott reported. People are very pleased with the results at Hardy School, and other principals are anxious for their turn. Bishop and Brackett will be next, with the goal of finishing them before September school reopening. The following people volunteered to be liaisons:
 - a. Mike Rademacher—Bishop
 - b. Jeff Maxtutis—Brackett
 - c. Elisabeth Carr-Jones—Peirce
 - d. Joe Cahill—Stratton
 - e. Scott Smith—Thompson
 - f. Guillermo Bahamon—Dallin (done)
 9. School sidewalks.
DPW has asked for TAC input for prioritizing sidewalk repairs. DPW plans to do Gray Street (Ottoson) first. Others on the list like Wheeler (Stratton) were discussed. More work will be done to prioritize the list.
 10. Forest Street—no progress.
 11. Summer Street—grinding has started. Will be 6-8 week break before paving begins.
 12. Downing Square—no progress.
 13. Mass. Ave. Corridor—Kevin, Laura, Ed, Scott scheduled to meet with Trish Domigan on Friday to discuss next steps.
 14. Town report. Zipcar—haven't found the right person to talk to. Guillermo will get a contact to Laura. MBTA is holding a hearing on fare increases in Arlington on June 13. TAC did not take a position.
 15. Lockeland/Mass. Ave. Joe Cahill reported that loop is fixed but still need signal timing. Presented two options of lane merge for discussion.. Working group will continue meeting.
- Mass Ave./Route 60. Countdowns ped signals for crosswalks anticipated. Have asked BSC for a formal signal diagram for improved signal timing.
17. East Arlington Parking—no activity.
 18. Adjourn, 9:55 pm
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